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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, Sovereign of history, who gives beginnings and an end, on whom our mortal efforts depend, soon this hallowed Chamber will be silent for a time. The 104th Congress will be completed. Historians will write the human judgments of what has been accomplished, but You will have the final word about what has been achieved. It is Your affirmation that we seek. Senators in both parties have prayed to know and do Your will. Often there has been sharp disagreement on what is best for our Nation. Thank You for those times that debate led to deeper truth and compromise to the blending of aspects of a greater solution. We remember those moving moments when we sensed Your presence, received supernatural power, and pressed on in

spite of tiredness and tension. Help us to forgive and forget any memories of strained relationships or debilitating differences. Preserve the friendships that reach across party lines. Father, help us to finish well. Give us strength to complete the work of this day with expeditious excellence. Renew the weary, reinforce the fatigued, rejuvenate the anxious. When it is all said and done, there is one last word we long to hear. It is Your divine accolade, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT, of Mississippi, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately begin

consideration of the omnibus appropriations bill. There will be debate only on that matter until 2 p.m. today. Rollcall votes could occur any time after 2 p.m., on or in relation to the omnibus appropriations bill, or other items cleared for action.

The Senate may also be asked to turn to consideration of the conference reports accompanying the Defense appropriations bill, the FAA reauthorization bill, or a parks bill. This is a different parks bill from the one that has been pending in the Senate now for several days, but it did pass the House by an overwhelming margin, I think with only seven votes against it.

A late-night session is possible in order to complete action on the omnibus appropriations bill, which must be signed by the President by midnight tonight in order to fund various parts of the Government for the new fiscal year, which begins tomorrow.

Let me say, Mr. President, again, that I am very pleased we were able to

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

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